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LESLIE E.
DOOLITTLE'S
DAHLIAS

DEL MONTE
CALIFORNIA

SEASON
1925

LET DAHLIADOM
REJOICE--FOR IT
IS BROADCASTED
TRUTHFULLY--THE
DAHLIA OF TODAY
HAS NO RIVAL

GREETINGS TO DAHLIA LOVERS EVERYWHERE

THANKS to our many customers, the season just closed has been our most successful one. Let it be understood that this is fully appreciated. We know, too, that Service and Quality have been two great factors in the holding of our customers. Your own success with our Dahlias will, automatically, mean success to us.

It is not often that we exhibit our Dahlias, as the busy season will scarcely permit this, yet our Dahlias are exhibited by our customers in practically every county of every State in the Union. Letters from our exhibiting customers would indicate that OUR DAHLIAS WIN wherever exhibited.

For the season 1925 many new and attractive varieties are listed herein, which will prove to be of much interest to all lovers of the Dahlia, that flower without a rival.

Inasmuch as we save only the very best of our Dahlias, it is a certainty that you will find merit in any that are listed. We list no Dahlia variety until it is at least three years old, at which time the character of the variety has become quite fully established.

Every order sent out is filled under my personal and intimate guidance. What can be more important to Dahlia success than to have first quality tubers to begin with?

Each tuber sent out has fully developed eyes, so you may be certain that under proper care and control, these eyes, or sprouts, will grow and multiply.

With best wishes for still greater Dahlia success for 1925, I am

Most sincerely yours,

LESLIE E. DOOLITTLE.

We are members of:

The DAHLIA SOCIETY OF CALIFORNIA.....San Francisco
The NATIONAL DAHLIA SOCIETY OF AMERICA.....Seattle, Wash.
The AMERICAN DAHLIA SOCIETY.....New York City

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PLANTING

By LESLIE E. DOOLITTLE

Our instructions for the planting and care of Dahlias will be found not only scientific, but natural, and therefore you may expect good results where our tubers are planted and these instructions are carefully followed.

The time for planting the Dahlia tuber is in the spring, or early summer, after all danger of frost is past. This rule will apply to every climate. For instance, in the New England States, April 15th to May 15th is the proper time for planting, while in the Southern States and in Southern California, Dahlias are often planted as early as January and February. We begin planting in March, at Del Monte.

The Dahlia tuber, in the condition in which it reaches the customer, needs neither a severe soaking in water nor a strong stimulant in the way of a fertilizer, in planting. These two elements have been overworked in the planting of Dahlias, with often otherwise than the best results. Speaking from experience, and with knowledge of the results in the different soils, my advice to the customer is the same rule as that which I follow. Too much early watering will, if the tuber survives the drowning process, create the action of potash in the soil, which will cause wood growth, the plant growing tall and the blooms more or less inferior, and being an unnatural growth, the tubers, when lifted, will be found to be of mammoth size, with weakened crown, which will be found to decay readily and without apparent cause.



Manure coming in contact with the tuber will cause scab, weaken the tuber, and often destroy it.

Plant, therefore, in well-worked soil, two and one-half feet apart, at a depth of five or six inches, in earth as free from fermenting vegetable matter and manure as possible. Give them just enough water, when above ground, to keep them growing slowly. Apply manures and water in quantities, only after the plants start to bud, and it will be found that you have saved the forcing quality for the blooms instead of its being expended upon stalk growth.

Up to the time the plant comes into bud it is greatly benefited by trimming off the older foliage with a sharp knife, being careful not to trim off any of the future budding growth, my idea being that it is especially necessary, in order to have good blooms, that the foliage be kept clean, as it is through the pores of the plant that the oxygen is absorbed.



AS "THE FLOWER OF THE HOUR" BLOOMS TODAY

Three specimen blooms; of our "Vasanta," on the left; our "Wizard of Oz," on the right; and "Amun Ra," below.

These splendid Dahlias were grown without any forcing of the plant whatsoever, and are a manifestation of what can be done with our Dahlia tubers, anywhere. For a number of years we have used no manures at all. Our tubers have not been forced. We use only a compost, which we term a **natural** fertilizer. This compost contains only the trimmings from the Dahlia plant itself, such as waste blossoms, foliage, stalks, and waste tubers, combined with oak leaf-mold.

Our theory has proven to be both practical and absolutely correct, and has revolutionized methods of Dahlia culture.

By spraying with a sharp force of water from the garden hose, the plant can ordinarily be kept in a healthy condition, and this should be done at close intervals, in accordance with weather conditions.

For forcing, where chicken manure can be obtained I recommend its use, though barnyard manure is excellent. Feed the plant only after the eye, or sprout, has formed root feeders, it being remembered that the dormant tuber acts as a feeder only to the new sprout, and could not possibly absorb liquid to its advantage. Be careful not to use too great a percentage of nitrate of soda, as it will retard your blooms and make the stems very long, but weak. Phosphates are what are needed to produce good blooms, potash for wood growth and nitrates for a healthy foliage. I caution my customers against using too much fertilizer, but recommend working the soil a great deal.

Do not allow the blooms to seed, but cut all the old blooms, together with as much stem as possible. If allowed to seed, the variety will fast deteriorate.

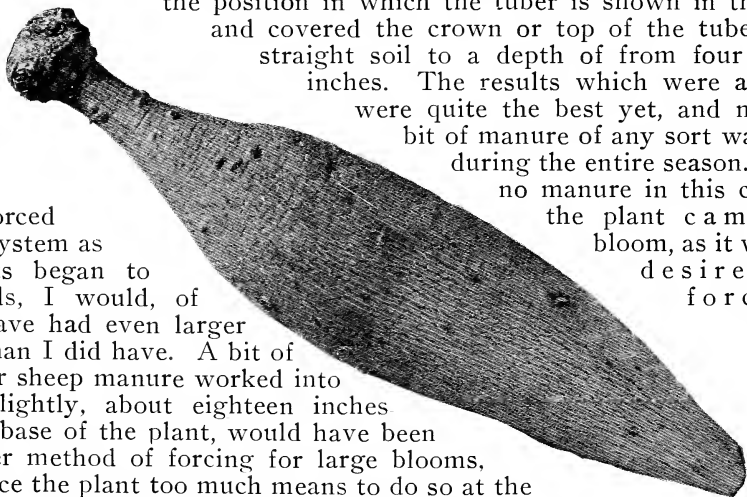
I wish to give another rule, also, as regards the fertilizer to be used. Five seasons past I hit upon the idea of working back to the soil that which has been taken out; so after saving all of my trimmings from the Dahlia plants, including old blooms, waste tubers, etc., from my previous crop, I made a huge compost pile of these, together with oak leaf mold and soil, and at planting time dug holes eighteen inches deep and about the same in diameter, and also put in two good shovelfuls of my compost mixed with more straight soil until the hole was filled within about eight inches of the surface of the garden bed, then a bit more straight soil, so that the tuber would not come in direct contact with the compost, then planted in

the position in which the tuber is shown in this cut, and covered the crown or top of the tuber with straight soil to a depth of from four to six inches. The results which were attained

were quite the best yet, and not one bit of manure of any sort was used during the entire season. I used no manure in this case, as

the plant came into bloom, as it was my desire not to force the tubers.

Had I forced the root system as the plants began to form buds, I would, of course, have had even larger blooms than I did have. A bit of chicken or sheep manure worked into the soil lightly, about eighteen inches from the base of the plant, would have been the proper method of forcing for large blooms, but to force the plant too much means to do so at the expense of the tubers. It is well to be a bit discreet about the amount of forcing given. In using the Dahlia plant compost you put into the soil just what the plant has consumed, and what it will consume again, so this, you will find, is a well-balanced Dahlia plant food.



After the plant is through blooming in the fall it is best to trim the plant in much the same manner as shown on next page. It will be noted that the stalk of the plant is cut above the last joint nearest the top of the plant.

Let the terminal, or first bud, develop. This is often the best bloom of the season.



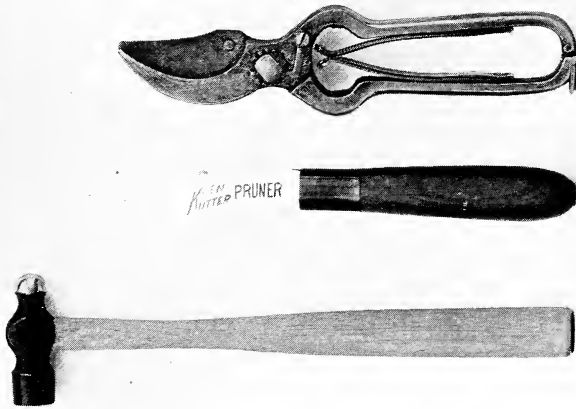
Having been cut at this height, it will be seen that it avoids leaving a large opening in the stalk, as would have been the case had it been cut lower on the plant, which would have allowed rain water to stand in the stalk, and would be apt to start decay at the base of the old stalk, this being the vital point of the new crop of tubers, and is what we term the "crown." It is here that the new eyes, or shoots, appear.

The large tuber on the right of this clump of tubers is what is termed the "mother" tuber, and should be destroyed at time of separating, as it is apt to decay another season, after being planted a second time. It will also be found that this old tuber does not multiply to any great extent, as the food values it contained have been absorbed by the newer growth.

After trimming the plants in the manner indicated, leave the plant undisturbed for a few weeks, or until the stalks are thoroughly dried, which will be an indication that the tubers are quite thoroughly matured, but not cured.

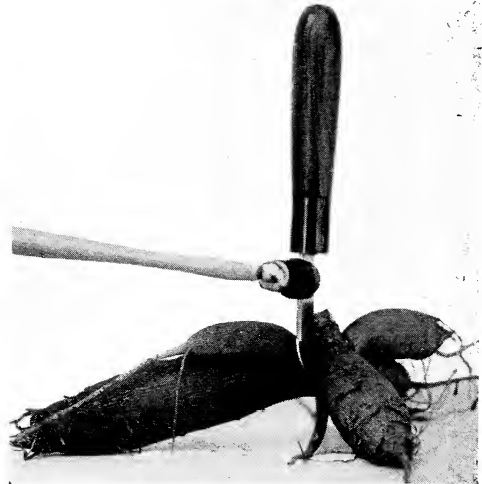
We never stake our Dahlia plants.

We now reach the point where extreme care should be exercised. It would be well to loosen the entire clump, cutting all the feeders, or roots, at the extreme end of the tubers, and leave in the same spot in the garden with sufficient soil heaped about the clump to avoid its freezing. Leave in this condition for a few days, then lift the clump carefully so as not to break the necks of the tubers, place the clump upon a suitable rack, for washing, remove all the soil by means of a stream of water from the garden hose, and leave in the open air for a few hours only, to dry a bit, then place upon a bench or suitable table built to a proper height as to enable one to work to the best possible advantage in separating. The manner of separating is shown here, also the tools necessary to do good work.



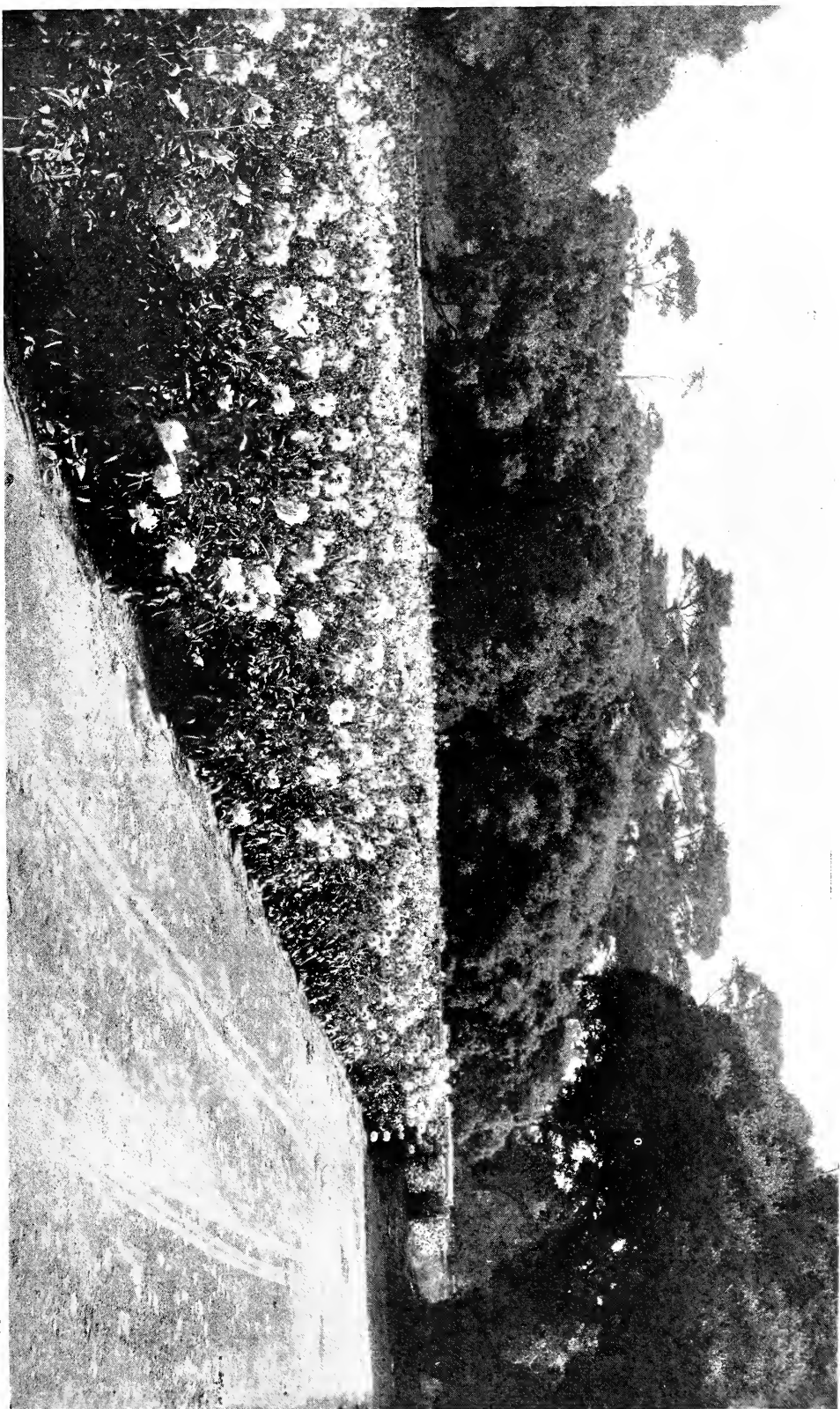
Necessary Tools to be
Used in the
Separation of Tubers
are Here Shown

Manner of Use of Tools
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After separating, the tubers should appear much the same as the single tuber shown on page four, all decay removed and broken ends carefully trimmed. Now place the tubers in an open, airy situation for a few hours, in order that the cuts may become thoroughly dry, then pack away in sawdust or shavings, until planting-out time. Labels with name of the variety being handled should be constantly used in this work, to avoid getting the stock mixed.

Do not water heavily until the plants come into bud.



DAHLIAS BLOOM FREELY AT DEL MONTE

In case the tubers shrivel too greatly, it is a sign that they have not been handled according to directions, but do not become disgusted or discouraged, but try again, as there is no mystery connected with Dahlia culture. I have found that there is only a little knack about it, after a person has good stock to work with. It is essential that the grower from whom you buy your stock does not allow it to go to seed at random, in the fall. At this time the frosts appear, driving the sap downward toward the new tubers, and apparently taking minute particles of coloring matter with it, to the new growth. When pollen has been carried from other and stronger colored varieties, and the plant is allowed to seed in the fall, deterioration may be expected. Light colored blooms will often come blotched or streaked with the offending color, and again the weaker plant will throw blooms that are distorted, misshapen, and otherwise deteriorated. A large percentage of the stock of new varieties now being offered throughout the country has been very much affected in this manner.

LESLIE E. DOOLITTLE'S DAHLIAS

AT DEL MONTE, CALIFORNIA

WON THE HIGHEST AWARD EVER OFFERED

GOLD MEDAL, BEST GENERAL DISPLAY, OFFICIAL DAHLIA SHOW, P. P. I. E., 1925

FOLLOWING ARE A FEW OF THE MANY LETTERS RECEIVED FROM
SATISFIED CUSTOMERS FROM ALL PARTS OF THE COUNTRY

The "Wizard" of Oz is Finest California Dahlia.

C. C. W., of Cincinnati, Ohio, wrote:

"I thought that you would be interested to know that The 'Wizard' of Oz sent me in the Spring was the sensation of Cincinnati Amateur Dahlia Show last week: I won hands down with your 'Wizard' of Oz the First Prize for the Best California Dahlia. Shudow's Lavender won Second Prize. Your 'Earle Williams' and 'Maybelle Eckland' were also fine. I wish to thank you for the excellent quality of your tubers."

A. G. M., Corydon, Ky., says:

"Had splendid success with my Dahlias. The 'Earle Williams' and 'Nobilis' are especially attractive, but I like 'Earle Williams' best."

W. L. D., Fairmont, West Va., writes:

"We have had a great deal of pleasure from our Dahlias. This has been a wonderful season for them here. More good Dahlias have been grown here this season than ever before."

Never Saw a Dahlia That Could Compare with "Wizard" of Oz.

W. E. C., Westchester, Pa., wrote us as follows:

"I have about 5,000 hills of Dahlias—from 250 to 300 varieties, and in the past ten years have grown more than 1,000 different varieties. Each year I weed out about 100 varieties, so know best points of a good many Dahlias, but have never had a Dahlia to compare with your 'Wizard' of Oz. When frost came, my plant had 15 large, perfect blooms on it. Your Earle Williams is also fine."

The Dahlia is one plant that thrives in all climates.

California's Finest Dahlias in the Most Beautiful Garden

L. R. B., Chico, Calif., writes:

"Last season while touring south of San Francisco, we found your gardens by far the most beautiful of all those we saw, with some of the most marvelous flowers in both size and coloring. Please send us your catalog, as we have a new yard and want some good ones."



The
"W I Z A R D O F O Z"

Mrs. F. F., of Trenton, N. J., says:

"The Screamer is the favorite in my garden—people cannot say too many nice things about The 'Wizard' of Oz—we can sit around the fire in the winter time, close our eyes and see this in all its beauty, and look forward to growing it again next season."

Mrs. L. E. R., Bakersfield, Calif., says that she wants more Dahlias after the first trial, as she had a wonderful mass of bloom all summer. (When Dahlias thrive in Bakersfield, you can grow them successfully where you live.)

Miss M. H., St. Louis, Missouri, writes:

"The selection left to you last year was wonderful; please send me the following . . ."

E. G., Reserve, Louisiana, writes us after a successful season with our Dahlias:

"Send us four of your 'Wizard' of Oz and four each of any new varieties which you can recommend."

E. A. A., Dahlia Grower, Trenton, N. J., says:

"The 'Wizard' of Oz is the most profitable Dahlia we ever handled."

We have hundreds of letters from satisfied customers.

Derrill W. Hart, manager "Garden Magazine and Home Builder," Garden City, N. Y., writes under date of October 9, 1924:

"Your Dahlia The 'Wizard' of Oz won one of the Sweepstake Medals, at the Short Hills, N. J., Shows. Have never seen three such perfect blooms."

R. F. L., Wilmington, Del., writes of having won many awards with our Dahlias—grew The "Wizard" of Oz 10¾ inches in diameter. "Your 'Nobilis' and the 'Screamer' are fine."

Mrs. G. V. F., Long Island, says:

"Won First Prize—American Dahlia Society Medal for Best Special Named Dahlia in the Show, with your The 'Wizard' of Oz."

A. R. B., Santa Paula, Calif., writes:

"Shipment of tubers received, and I want to say that without exception they were the finest lot that I ever received."

W. A. S., New Canaan, Conn., writes:

"I consider your 'Wizard' of Oz the finest Dahlia in my collection. It has been covered with immense blooms, standing well all season. It is a marvelous Dahlia. Your Clarissa Blanco, Compensation, John Dough of Oz were all fine!"

R. E., Los Gatos, Calif., writes:

"We are greatly pleased with tubers sent us. The 'Wizard' of Oz is wonderful, a good grower and free bloomer."

From H. R., Tiverton, Rhode Island:

"Am enclosing a picture of your Dahlia, 'Earle Williams,' as it bloomed for me. This bloom was two weeks old when the picture was taken. It has the most wonderful keeping qualities, on the plant, that I have seen. It is certainly a free bloomer, and one of the most admired in my garden."

From J. V., Dahlia Grower, Huntington Beach, Calif.:

"The 'Wizard' of Oz is certainly a great Dahlia and the demand for it has been heavy."

W. P., of Santa Barbara, Calif., writes:

"We had blooms of your 'Nobilis' upon our Christmas dinner table. It is a wonderful Dahlia."

E. S. M., McKenzie, Tenn., writes:

"Enclosed find my check for \$..... Please send The tubers sent last year all did well, excepting two. I won First Prize with 'Dr. H. L. Tevis' and 'George Walters' at our county fair."

J. C. M., Cleveland, Ohio:

"The 'Wizard' of Oz is a wonder. Had 29 wonderful, perfect blooms, to date, and the plant is loaded with buds."

Mrs. R. C. W., Los Angeles, Calif., writes:

"Order enclosed, etc.; have seen many Dahlia gardens, but none so beautiful as yours, nor so well cared for; the memory of it will stay with me always."

A. G. M., Cordon, Ky., says:

"I have come to the conclusion the two outstanding Dahlias of the country are your 'Wizard' of Oz, first, and 'Earle Williams' a close second."

F. & M., Trenton, N. J., write of our Dahlia "Maybelle Eckland":

"We exhibit on stems three and three and one-half feet in length—it is a most beautiful flower; send fifty more tubers of same."

Our orders are well packed and protected against freezing.



FRANCES LUERS

LADEN WITH BLOOMS OF THE "WIZARD" OF OZ

HAZEL THULLEN

Our "Earle Williams" Is the Best Variegated Dahlia

This Dahlia won First Award at Los Angeles, several seasons past, for the twelve Best Variegated Dahlia.

"Earle Williams" also won in New York, in 1922, the Silver Cup offered by the President of the American Dahlia Society, for the Best Twelve Variegated Dahlia. Mrs. Richard C. Colt grew and displayed these blossoms. Mrs. Colt also won thirteen First Prizes with our Dahlias at another show.

Mrs. S. L. W., of Jersey Shore, Pa., writes:

"Am enclosing clippings from our local papers. Carried my blooms 18 miles to show them. (Won first prizes.) My Dahlias bought of you are just wonderful—words can never tell how beautiful they are. The Screamer and Nobilis were especially fine."

E. W. D., New Bedford, Mass., writes:

"The tubers received today. They are very clean looking and in perfect condition, every one of them. Had The 'Wizard' of Oz last season. It is a wonderful Dahlia. Have sent you two orders this season, and hope to send you another soon."

From W. J. B., Waterbury, Conn.:

"Am enclosing check to amount of \$.....; tubers were very satisfactory last season."

Mrs. G. W., of Everett, Wash., writes:

"Shipment received—all in good condition. I wish to thank you for your promptness."

J. A. B., of Santa Monica, Calif., writes:

"This will make the fourth consecutive year that I have ordered my Dahlias from you—have had complete success."

J. H. B., Upper Darby, Pa., says:

"Your Dahlia, The 'Little Pink Kitten of Oz,' did wonderfully well with me—admired by all visitors to my garden."

J. M. D., Philadelphia, Pa., writes:

"There is more information to be derived from two pages of your catalog than from the perusal of a number of books by so-called Dahlia experts. You have two wonderful Dahlias in 'Earle Williams' and The 'Wizard' of Oz. We have never seen better ones. I enclose order and check to amount of \$55.00 in payment of same."

Mrs. R. W. S., Kearney Park, Calif., says:

"People laughed at me for trying to grow Dahlias here—bought my first Dahlias of you in 1915, at the Exposition—have wonderful success—order enclosed."

H. F. Hall, President Moorestown Improvement Association, Moorestown, N. J., writes under date of January 11, 1924:

"This is to certify that A. W. Luce was awarded the prize offered by you of a \$10.00 order of Dahlia tubers for the Best Bloom of the Decorative-Cactus type. The variety shown was your 'Wizard' of Oz."

WHY OUR DAHLIA TUBERS ARE SUPERIOR

The buried treasures of the Monterey, California, district lie, not in moulding chests or hidden caves, but in its broad and fertile valleys, its hill-side farms and beneath the blue expanse of the neighboring ocean.

Our heritage is a rich one, whose value will be greatly increased with the coming years. The Doolittle Dahlias are grown where the soil is enriched only with natural elements, and where the season is long. **Our tubers are not forced and are matured slowly.** That is the secret of their smoothness and substance. We invite comparison.

We have hundreds of letters from satisfied customers.

DAHLIA SEED**Let the Truth Be Known.**

We receive many calls for seed of the Dahlia. Beware of spending your good money for seed that is worthless. Properly grown and selected Dahlia seed cannot be supplied at a profit to the grower, at a low figure. It is unprofitable to the customer to grow poor seed, as poor parent plants and pollen from inferior blossoms will produce only cull seedlings.

It is often through ignorance that one offers Dahlia seed for sale, yet it is more often some unreliable person.

Good seed can be obtained, however; we recommend that the customer buy the established, selected variety, such as is offered by responsible growers.

At present we have no seed to offer, and if we did offer it, the quality and the price would be much higher than 95% of the Dahlia seed being offered today.

DAHLIA CLASSIFICATION**Suggested Methods—By Leslie E. Doolittle**

A startling fact is manifested in all Dahlia blossoms of today, in that **no two varieties are of exactly the same type**. True, many resemble each other, and as comparison is made, and classification undertaken, the question has been, "Just where shall we draw the line between types?"

We have many new types of Dahlias, constantly appearing, which are not recognized as presentable exhibition varieties, and which, if shown in their best form, could not well be expected to qualify in any class now scheduled by any Dahlia Society in America.

Now, what are we going to do about it? Are we going to continue not to recognize these newer types? Do you not realize that the newer types of Dahlias will very shortly be in the majority?

As truly as we have new types in Dahlias, our older varieties are also changing slightly, each season. **NOTHING** in this world is as **CONSTANT** as **CHANGE**.

We should eliminate the word or term "hybrid" in describing a Dahlia, and at our exhibits, for the very good reason that the term is misapplied. My dictionary says that a "hybrid" is a cross between two species. A cross between two varieties of Dahlias, or, in other words, a cross between two of the same species, cannot rightfully be called a "hybrid."

The fact that Dahlia growers of Europe may have done this, or that, for a few hundred years back, doesn't mean anything to the 100 per cent American. Let us show Americanism with our U. S. A. Dahlias.

Why not use these terms at our Dahlia shows—and call them by just what the type of blossom really is: Cactus, Cactus-Peony, Decorative, Decorative Cactus, Peony, Show, Decorative-Show, and so forth? In this way we could readily describe any certain type of Dahlia. The older and usual method of using the word "hybrid" does not designate but one of two types, where both types are plainly seen in the bloom.

Should these suggestions meet with the approval of the reader, I would appreciate a few lines from anyone who is sufficiently interested to write. Many letters are pouring in from all parts of the U. S. A., Canada and elsewhere, commending my arguments pertaining to Classification.

Why not write your views in full, send them to me with permission to publish same? Do this for the best interests of the Dahlia, and when time permits, I shall be pleased to assist in getting these arguments—yours and my own—before every Dahlia Society possible.

For better Classification, and for better Dahlias, I am

Very sincerely yours,

LESLIE E. DOOLITTLE.

Del Monte, California.

GENERAL LIST OF VARIETIES

- Alcalde**—Decorative-Peony. A beautiful Dahlia of quality, combined with new colorings and unusual grace. Bronzy pink tones, often marked white. Tubers, each \$5.00.
- Attention**—Peony flowering. Splendid upright stem. The colorings are a light claret wine, shading to pink, each petal being heavily tipped with white. One of our own. Tubers, each \$2.00.
- Arvada**—Peony flowering. Light red combined with a suggestion of coral and yellow tones. Tubers, each \$1.00.
- Alvarado**—Peony flowering. Bright red, similar in color to the well-known Dahlia, *Pride of California*. Tubers, each 50c.
- Attraction**—Peony type. Orchid pink. A reliable standard variety; flowers of medium size, with twisted and curved petals. Tubers, each 75c.
- Arctic**—Single Peony. Snow white. Another standard variety. Tubers, each 50c.
- Amun Ra**—Decorative. Gorgeous shades of copper and orange, shading to gold and amber, deepening in the center to a rich reddish bronze. Introduced by Jessie L. Seal of San Francisco. Tubers, each \$3.50.
- A Little Bit o' Heaven**—Decorative-Peony. Light lavender with a slight suggestion of rose. A large flowering Dahlia of merit. Tubers, each \$5.00.
- Barbara Latz**—Decorative-Peony. Clear lemon yellow blooms of good size. Very free in bloom. This variety does especially well in New Jersey; good reports from different parts of the country. Tubers, each \$2.00.
- Billy Brad**—Decorative-Peony. A most attractive Dahlia of our own. The colors are maroon to cherry, often shaded wine color, and marked paper white. Tubers, each \$5.00.
- Byron**—Decorative. This does as well in our gardens as most any Dahlia we have, and we think a great deal of it, although it is one of our older Dahlias. Of immense size and great depth. Rich, deep wine color. Tubers, each 75c.
- Bronze Orange**—Decorative. Good sized blooms of a reddish bronze, or brown shade. A free bloomer. Tubers, each \$1.00.
- Babette**—Peony. Amber yellow shading to apricot buff tones. Stout upright stem; very prolific in bloom. Tubers, each \$3.50.
- Bashful Giant**—Decorative. Golden apricot and yellow tones. A very large flowering Dahlia. Tubers, each \$2.00.
- Compensation**—Decorative. One of our finest introductions; in fact, we cannot praise this Dahlia too highly, as it has all the good points of the thoroughbred. The color is a transparent shade of bright, clear, raspberry red. It has splendid size, which it holds throughout the season, and is prolific in bloom. Tubers, each \$3.00.
- Clarissa Blanco**—Decorative. This is one of our largest flowering Dahlias. Deep claret wine color, often with white markings, while many blooms come the solid color. This has been one of our most attractive new introductions. The depth of this bloom is remarkable in itself. Tubers, each \$3.50.
- Conquest**—Cactus type. A very prolific blooming plant. Maroon shades. Tubers, each 75c.
- Clara Seaton**—Show type, with a short, quilled petal. The color is a rich bronze-gold. This is one of the best in similar types, if not the very best. Does well everywhere. Our own. Tubers, each 50c.

You are invited to inspect our Dahlias at Del Monte.



OUR DAHLIA GARDENS ARE A GREAT ATTRACTION AT DEL MONTE

- Creamotto**—Decorative-Peony type. A Dahlia of most excellent habits, it having strong, upright stems, good blooming qualities. As a cut flower, it is one of the best. A large, light creamy yellow flower. Our own. Tubers, each 50c.
- City of Portland**—Peony flowering. One of the largest and most desirable, clear, canary yellow Dahlias. Its long, graceful petals are beautifully twisted and curved. Tubers, each \$1.50.
- Cadiz**—Decorative-Cactus. A "sport" from the well-known Dahlia, Kalif, yet it is several shades lighter than the latter, otherwise is about the same type of flower. The color is a rich orange vermillion. Tubers, each \$1.00.
- Cream King**—Peony flowering. A well-known standard variety, of which we have very fine stock. A beautiful bloom of light, lemon cream. Tubers, each 50c.
- Carolyn Wintjen**—Decorative. A very beautiful salmon with rose shadings, and a touch of amber throughout. A good large flower with good stem. This charming Dahlia is fine for exhibition, or as a cut flower variety. A Californian. Tubers, each \$1.00.
- C. C. Moore**—Peony. A pleasant shade of orange buff. The blooms are thrown out from the plant, on strong stems. The flower is very satisfactory. Tubers, each 75c.
- Col. Roosevelt**—Decorative. A large flowering variety. Purplish red. Tubers, each 50c.
- Copper**—Peony flowering. A combination of coppery yellow tones, with just a suggestion of pink. One of the showy Dahlias for the garden. Tubers, each 75c.
- Champagne**—Decorative type. A massive flower standing upright on a long, stiff stem. Rare coloring—dull gold varying to chamois. The immense blooms attract much attention. Tubers, each \$5.00.
- Del Monte Sunshine**—Peony flowering. One of our 1924 introductions of much merit. This plant is robust and upright in growth, throwing many beautiful blooms, at one time, on good, long stems. The color is most unusual and attractive, being a bright fireman's red, suffused and tipped with gold. Stock limited. Tubers, each \$7.50.
- Don Williams**—Decorative-Peony. Again we present another splendid Dahlia. A seedling from the well-known "Earle Williams" Dahlia. It is a low growing plant, very prolific in bloom, and if it is disbudded, and grown for size, will produce wonderfully large blossoms. Unlike the "E. W.," it has no red in it, but is of an entirely new shade of lavender, each petal being tipped snow white. Good stems. A good Dahlia. Tubers, each \$5.00.
- Dream**—Peony. One of the most delightful little Dahlias yet introduced. Delicate apricot pink shades. Upright stems. Splendid for cutting. Tubers, each 50c.
- Dr. H. L. Tevis**—Decorative. This has long been known as one of the best of the many splendid California Dahlias. The bloom is very large and upon extra strong stem. The colorings in this Dahlia are best described as being of the lighter apricot shades. Tubers, each 75c.
- Decorum**—Decorative. A large flowering variety. Light salmon pink, lightly mottled, splashed, and streaked watermelon. A very unusual flower. Tubers, each \$2.50.
- Dakota**—Peony. Golden bronze to reddish brown in color, an unusual color in a Dahlia. Blossoms are of good size. Tubers, each \$2.00.
- Del Robles**—Decorative. Apricot, orange and yellow tones. Very free flowering. Tubers, each \$1.50.
- Early Dawn**—Peony. A small, dainty bloom, in great profusion on upright stem. Soft, bright rose pink. Tubers, each 75c.
- Early Delight**—Peony. Free flowering, medium-sized blooms upon good stems. The color is white shaded deep carmine rose. Tubers, each \$1.50.

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- Earle Williams**—Decorative. This is, no doubt, one of the finest of all Dahlias, and as a variegated Dahlia it has no competitors. It is in a class by itself. The brilliant crimson and white of this flower are well distributed. It has both blooming quality and size, with a very luxuriant foliage. The blooms keep for two weeks upon the plant. No Dahlia collection can be complete without this variety. Our stock is especially good. Our own introduction. Tubers, \$2.50 each.
- Eastwego**—Decorative. Stock very limited. Giant, golden yellow, orange-tinged flowers. Upright stem and very free blooming. Tubers, each \$5.00.
- Expression**—Peony. A glistening snow white Dahlia. Especially free blooming; good upright stems. Tubers, each \$2.50.
- Encina**—Decorative-Cactus. Soft rose pink and white. Flowers of good size; very free in bloom. Tubers, each \$2.50.
- Ella Naomi Pierce**—Double Peony. This Dahlia is another of the choice red shades so much admired in our own gardens. DuBarry red, overlaid with blue flame. Unusually fine this past season. Tubers, each \$1.50.
- Estrella**—Single Peony. Soft rose pink in color. Large flowering, good stems, and very free blooming. Tubers, each \$1.00.
- Eulita**—Peony flowering. Red and yellow, often marked white. This variety is exceptionally free in bloom. Tubers, each \$1.50.
- Euola**—Peony. Free flowering; the blossoms are held on long stems. The color is a very rich shade of watermelon red. Tubers, each \$2.00.
- El Vampiro**—Decorative-Peony. Brightest, light red. The petals are rounded at the tips. Very prolific in bloom; good stem. Tubers, each \$3.00.
- F. W. Fellows**—Cactus type. A rich orange-colored blossom of large size, with sharp-pointed petals. Very fine. Tubers, each 75c.
- Fiesta**—Decorative. Light sulphur yellow flower, borne upright upon long, strong stems. Very large. One of our very best of these shades. Tubers, each \$5.00.
- Golden Oriole**—Decorative-Peony. Very early and free blooming. Golden yellow, slightly suffused bronze. A splendid exhibition variety. We grow it fully nine or ten inches in diameter. Tubers, each \$5.00.
- Glascow**—Decorative-Peony. Deep maroon, shaded wine color. Very beautiful. Tubers, each \$2.50.
- Grace Strohn**—Peony flowering. A giant star-shaped bloom, of a pleasing shade of golden yellow. Another splendid Dahlia of our recent introduction. Tubers, each \$2.00.
- Gladys Sherwood**—Decorative. Snow white. The blossoms are of immense size and of changeable type throughout the season. A reliable Dahlia. Tubers, each \$1.50.
- Geisha**—Peony flowering. A most attractive Dahlia. The color is orange scarlet, with orange center, the deeper tones paling towards the tips of the petals. The petals show more twists and curls than almost any Dahlia. Tubers, each 75c.
- Golden Opportunity**—Show type. Here we have another of our finest Dahlias in this type. Rich buttercup yellow, shaded burnt orange directly in the center of the flower. Always upon good, strong stems. Tubers, each 75c.
- Golden Zephyr**—Peony flowering. A wonderful new creation of hardy, upright growth, and very free in blooming quality. Light golden yellow. Tubers, each \$5.00.
- George Walters**—Decorative-Peony. Salmon to shrimp shades. Stems are especially long and strong. Tubers, each 75c.
- Gorgeous**—Peony. Giant flowering. Yellow, marked and tipped scarlet. Most attractive. The growth of this plant is especially hardy. Tubers, each \$2.50.

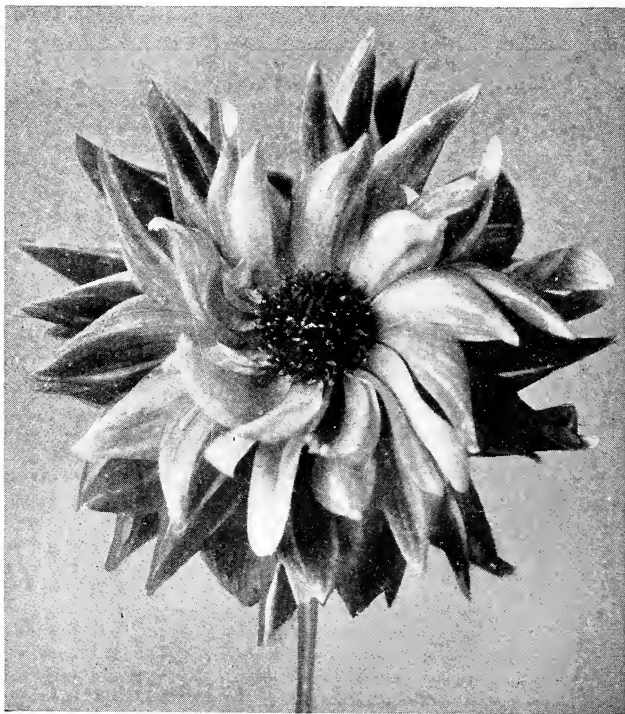
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Glory of New Haven—Decorative-Peony. A very light rosy lavender tone. The flowers are of good size, and the entire growth is very satisfactory. Tubers, each \$2.00.

Gloire de Verdun—Decorative-Show. The flowers of this variety are inclined to vary a bit, shading from crimson to bright vermilion, giving the blooms the appearance of a large ball of fire. Tubers, each \$1.50.

Hawaii—Decorative-Cactus. Golden yellow, tinged light red. Especially prolific in bloom. Tubers, each \$1.00.

Hollywood—Peony flowering. This is a low growing plant, which blossoms in great profusion. Soft apricot pink and yellow tones. Tubers, each 75c.



HONG KONG

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DIFFERENT DAHLIA
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Hong Kong—Peony flowering. Oriental colors, of buttercup yellow toward the center, while the outer petals are shaded a deep tomato red. A Dahlia that pleases almost everyone. Our own introduction. Tubers, each \$2.50.

Ida E. Doolittle—Peony flowering. Soft La France rose pink. A long-stemmed variety; very beautiful. Tubers, each \$5.00.

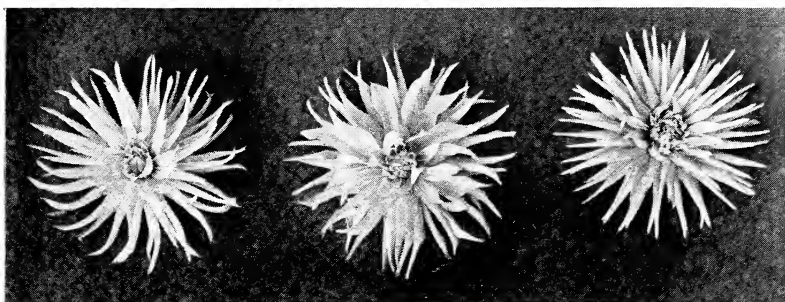
Jane Selby—Decorative-Peony. Silvery rose pink, upon a good stem. This is a most satisfactory Dahlia in every way. Tubers, each 75c.

John Dough of Oz—Peony. Sulphur yellow, lightened up with a faint suggestion of orange, making this very much admired by all who see it. Tubers, each \$1.00.

Jean Chazot—Decorative-Cactus. One of the finest of the imported introductions. It is unsurpassed by any of the autumn tinted Dahlias as a cut flower. It is a free, upright grower; long, stiff, wiry stems hold the flowers well above the foliage in such a manner as to display their full beauty. The color is a beautiful golden bronze with just a faint suffusion of Nasturtium red that adds to its charm. Tubers, each \$2.00.

Junipero Serra—Peony. The most beautiful of all bronzy-orange colored Dahlias. Remarkably good habits. It is safe to say that no other Dahlia garden has anything similar to this. Tubers, each \$7.50.

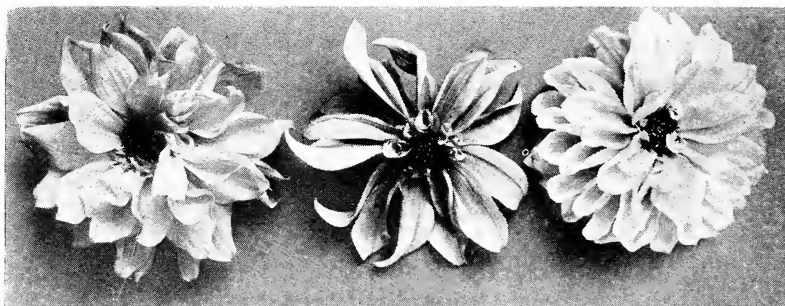
Our Dahlia tubers are quite as beautiful as the blooms.



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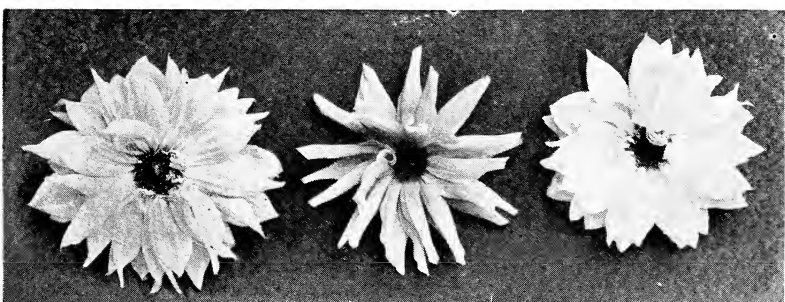


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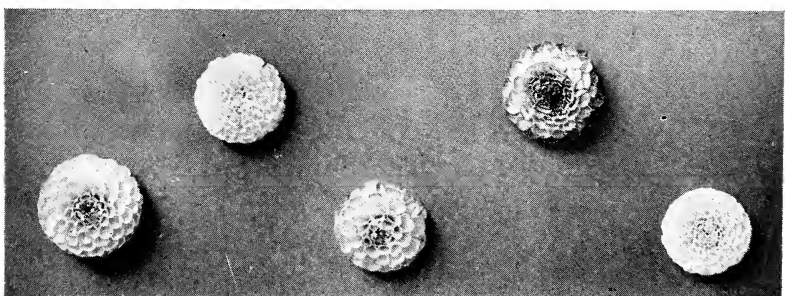


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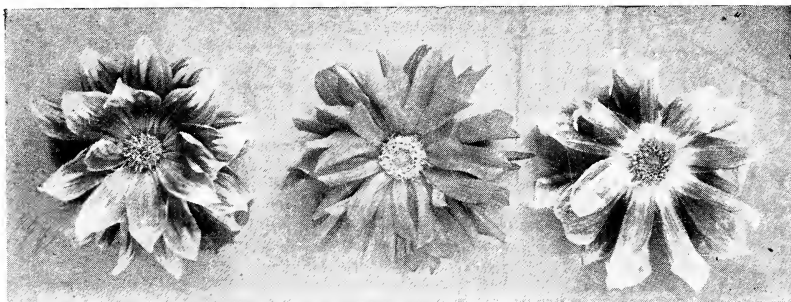


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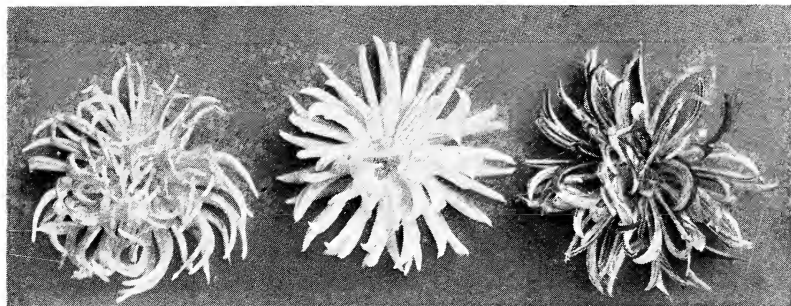
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- Kalif**—Decorative-Cactus. A majestic flower, often measuring over eight inches in diameter. Glowing scarlet in color. Tubers, each 75c.
- King of Hawaii**—Decorative-Peony. The color is a creamy yellow with rose suffusion. Good size and good habits. Tubers, each \$1.50.
- Kenneth J. Doolittle**—Decorative-Peony. Crimson scarlet. Large blooms. This variety is very free flowering and has a hardy growth. Tubers, each \$2.50.
- La Favorita**—Decorative-Cactus. A beautiful orange red colored Dahlia of good size. It is a California Dahlia of merit. Tubers, each \$1.00.
- Laverne**—Peony. A free blooming variety with good, substantial growth. The color is a light lemon yellow. Tubers, each \$1.00.
- Lullingstone**—Peony. Watermelon red suffused garnet. Medium size. Tubers, each 75c.
- Living Gold**—Decorative-Show. Light golden yellow, with a suffusion of rich orange. Large flowers. Tubers, each \$3.50.
- La Americaine**—Decorative. Brightest cerise, or American Beauty shades. An attractive flower. Tubers, each \$1.50.
- La Creole**—Decorative. A medium-sized Dahlia of much merit. The color is a rich cherry shading to maroon. Splendid stems for cutting purposes. Tubers, each \$1.50.
- Lotta**—Peony. Light cherry and golden yellow tones, often with white markings. Very free in bloom. Tubers, each \$1.50.
- Liberty**—Peony. Loose, wavy petals of brightest salmon. Always a general favorite on account of its distinctive color. Tubers, 50c.
- Le Grande Manitou**—Decorative. The ground color is white streaked with an attractive shade of violet purple. Strong growing plants. Tubers, each 50c.
- Lionel**—Peony flowering. Pure snow white. The flowers are held upon long stems. Tubers, each 75c.
- Leah**—Collarette. Rich maroon and garnet tones. Tubers, each 50c.
- Mrs. Edna Spencer**—Decorative-Cactus type. Another Dahlia of exceptionally refined appearance. A pretty shade of lavender or orchid pink. Another of the Californians of merit. Tubers, each \$1.00.
- Maroon King**—Decorative. An exceptionally good Dahlia, on account of its hardy growth and beautiful, large, maroon-colored blossoms. Tubers, each \$3.50.
- Mariposa**—Decorative-Cactus. A delightful shade of violet pink, which is intensified by a violet suffusion deepening in the center. The veining of the petals heightens the beauty and increases the novelty of the coloring. This beautiful bloom of great depth and substance is one of the best for exhibition, having an extra long, stiff stem. Tubers, each \$4.00.
- Maryan**—Decorative. A giant flowering Dahlia of our own introduction. Rich orange, apricot, and buff shades. Splendid, hardy, upright growth. It has been one of the most dependable Dahlias, especially so late in the season. Tubers, each 75c.
- Monterey**—Cactus-Peony. Very large and quite free flowering. The formation is new and pretty, it being one of Nature's latest darlings of the Dahlia world. The colors are soft amber to flesh pink. Long, graceful, slightly incurved petals, with most all flowers showing a bright yellow center. Tubers, each \$7.50.
- Meyerbeer**—Peony flowering. Rich velvety shades of maroon and claret wine color. The large, open-faced flowers are held upright on long, graceful stems. The petals are of large size, of unusual width, and are slightly twisted. Tubers, each 75c.
- Maud G. Baum**—Peony. Bright rose pink, with a slight suggestion of lilac. The large blooms have good stems. Tubers, each \$3.00.
- Mrs. R. B. Eliot**—Decorative-Show. Snow white flowers with quilled petals. A splendid upright stem. Very prolific in bloom. Tubers, each 75c.

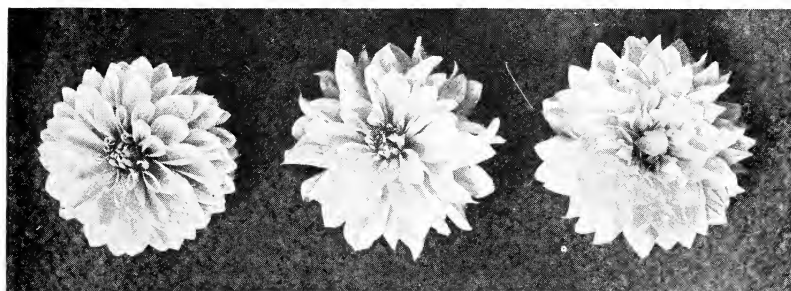
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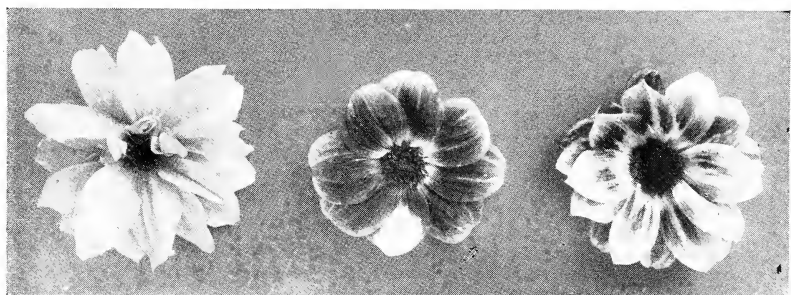
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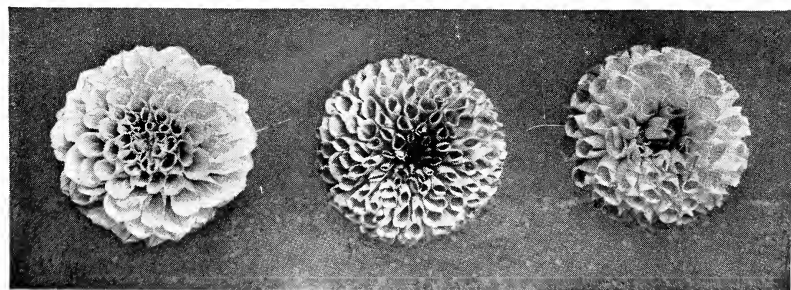
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- Maybelle Eckland**—Decorative-Peony. A Dahlia of exceptional merit. Maroon and wine shades. Tubers, each 75c.
- Marabilis**—Decorative-Peony. Lemon and white suffusion throughout the large blooms. A good stem, and when well grown, is most attractive for display purposes. Tubers, each \$1.50.
- Mme. Renard**—Peony-Cactus. Medium size blossoms, in wonderful number, upon strong, wiry stems. The color is a coral pink with amber shadings. Both dainty and pretty. Tubers, each 75c.
- Mrs. Garrett Roest**—Peony. A new type of Dahlia; comes quite single, the petals being well rounded at the tips, while the color is golden yellow, with a suggestion of pink. The bright yellow center is of exceptional size. Another fine cut flower. Tubers, each 75c.
- Mrs. W. E. Estes**—Decorative-Cactus. A very fine, snow white Dahlia of much merit. Broad and long, pointed petals, forming a flower of great size. This is easily the best white Dahlia to date. Tubers, each \$1.00.
- Mrs. I. de ver Warner**—Decorative-Peony. A good sized Dahlia of unusual and attractive beauty. A deep yet bright rose pink. An Eastern introduction. Tubers, each \$3.50.
- Magnificent**—Cactus. Salmon pink. A beautiful California Dahlia. Tubers, each \$1.00.
- Mrs. Carl Salbach**—Decorative. An immense bloom of lavender pink. A perfect exhibition variety, and one of the California prize winners. This will please you. Tubers, each 75c.
- Miles Standish**—Decorative-Peony. Deepest transparent rose, heavily shaded carmine throughout. Strong grower, good stem, and profuse bloomer. Tubers, each \$1.00.
- M. H. de Young**—Decorative. Massive blooms held on good, straight stems. Golden apricot, suffused amber. Very beautiful. Tubers, each \$7.50.
- Nobilis**—Decorative. Large, substantial blooms of white and scarlet. This is one of our own and is almost a counterpart of the variety "Earle Williams," of which it is a sport. In the case of Nobilis the white predominates, while the bloom is the least bit smaller than that of "Earle Williams." Tubers, each \$2.50.
- Nibelungenhort**—Cactus. Somewhat of the Decorative type. Amber, shading to salmon pink. Excellent cut flowers. Tubers, each 75c.
- Northwego**—Decorative. A most beautiful Dahlia. Soft shades of peach and apricot. The large, perfect blooms are held upright upon long, strong stems. Tubers, each \$5.00.
- Orange Queen**—Peony. An unusual flower on a long, strong stem. The color is orange suffused bronze. Tubers, each \$1.00.
- Ohio Belle**—Peony. Canary yellow. Quite double, with long stem, and also very prolific in bloom. Tubers, each 75c.
- Oriana**—Peony. An orchid pink shade, which is very much admired. The blooms are of good size. Tubers, each 75c.
- Orange Doazon**—Decorative. Mammoth in size, with broad petals and fine stems. A rich shade of orange red. Tubers, each 75c.
- Ozcot**—Decorative. This is one of our finest new introductions, and we heartily recommend it. We find it a hardy, upright grower, with excellent stem. It is a Dahlia that can be grown to immense size under favorable conditions. The colors are a beautiful blend of apricot, pink and yellow shades, suffused copper and bronze. Of true Decorative type. Tubers, each \$2.50.
- Paul Michael**—Decorative-Peony. A mammoth bloom of clear apricot to buff color, with a very poor stem. Fine for exhibition only. Tubers, each \$2.00.

Cultivate Dahlias lightly all season.

- Paradise Found**—Double Peony flowering. A wonderful Dahlia which we are especially fond of and which will grow to perfection with us, yet seems not to do as well with some of our customers. It is a giant double flower, with fluted petals. The color is a deep lemon yellow. Free in bloom and with good stems. The fault is found in the center of the flower, which comes hard if imperfect blooms are allowed to mature. This is, nevertheless, a wonderfully attractive plant. The blooms are often 10 to 11 inches in diameter and with a depth of 7 or 8 inches. Our own introduction. Tubers, each \$5.00.
- Princess Pat**—Decorative. In my opinion, one of California's best Dahlias. A beautiful shade of old rose. Stout stems, and blooms are of excellent size and type. Tubers, each \$1.00.
- Pride of California**—Decorative type. Throws good, large blooms of a deep red color, on an upright stem. Tubers, each 75c.
- Pearl Ruggles**—Peony flowering. A splendid variety, introduced by its namesake. Ground color is white, suffused with rosy carmine pink. Quite attractive. Tubers, each \$1.00.
- Pathe**—Peony flowering. Gigantic blooms. Cerise to carmine, shading lighter at tips of petals. Tubers, each \$1.00.
- Pioneer**—Decorative. Reddish brown to deep maroon in color. The blooms of good size and attract much attention from our visitors at our gardens. A variety of great merit. Tubers, each \$3.00.
- Queen of Violets**—Peony. A soft shade of deep violet. Medium-sized blossoms; very free. A favorite in this shade. Tubers, each \$2.50.
- Quello**—Decorative. Light rose pink shadings, on a white ground. Very robust in growth. A splendid variety. Tubers, each \$5.00.
- Red Cross**—Decorative-Cactus type. Cinnamon color, orange-red toward center. Very attractive. Medium blooms on long stems. Tubers, each \$1.00.
- Rio Del Abrigo**—Peony flowering. Light canary yellow, with wavy and twisted florets. Very free blooming; an excellent Dahlia. Tubers, each \$3.00.
- Rolinda**—Decorative. Bright and pretty; good stems; very free flowering. Rose pink. Tubers, each \$1.50.
- Ramona**—Decorative type. Another of our own satisfactory new introductions. The plant is inclined to be exceptionally free in blooming quality throughout the season. The colors are a combination of cherry to blood red, and gold. Good stems. Tubers, each \$3.50.
- Rosa Nell**—Decorative. One of the "Surprise" Dahlias. The mammoth size is its chief qualification, yet the color is fairly startling in its bright hue of cerise or deepest rosy purple. Splendid value. Tubers, each \$1.00.
- St. Francis**—Decorative type. Soft cream color, brightened with a pinkish glow on the outer petals, creating a delightful blossom, which can be used for all purposes. A flower which will be most useful when cut owing to its keeping qualities and rigid stem. Admirable for exhibition because of its great size, and incomparable in the garden because of its beautiful coloring and freedom in producing flowers. Tubers, each \$5.00.
- Sweet Remembrance**—Peony. A general favorite. Bright, yet soft, yellow-pink combination. This variety is semi-double, with a beauty that baffles description. Very free in bloom. Our own. Tubers, each 50c.
- Shudow's Lavender**—Decorative type. The large bloom is a silvery lavender in color, lightening slightly toward the outside of the flower. The stem is absolutely perfect, long and stiff, and holding erect the mammoth blossom. May be used successfully as a cut flower. Beautiful, lace-like foliage. Tubers, each \$4.00.
- Sweet Brier**—Cactus type. Silvery rose pink. A very delightful little flower; very free in blooming quality. Tubers, each 75c.

THE FLOWER OF THE HOUR—THE DAHLIA.

Sulphur Gem—Decorative. A ball-shaped flower of light sulphur yellow. Medium-sized blooms on extra long stems. A fine Dahlia. Tubers, each \$1.00.

Southwego—Decorative-Peony. Golden yellow and bronze tones. Prolific in bloom and on good upright stems. A new one. Tubers, each \$5.00.

Sunstar—Peony flowering. A starlike blossom of yellow and carmine rose. Long, wavy petals and twisted florets. Tubers, each \$1.00.

Sunshine—Decorative-Peony. A sunshiny blossom of orange vermillion, tipped with gold, and with a golden sheen. Large. Tubers, each \$1.00.

Teddy Roosevelt, Jr.—Decorative type. Large flowers of deepest maroon, overlaid with a purple sheen, which adds greatly to the beauty. A tall and robust grower with us. Tubers, each \$1.50.

The Little Brown Bear of Oz—Peony type. Golden to reddish brown color, each petal lightly touched with gold. Most unusual. Tubers, each \$1.00.

The Bronze Orange—Decorative-Peony. Bright tones of orange and bronze. An unusual and wonderful combination of colors. Tubers, each \$1.00.

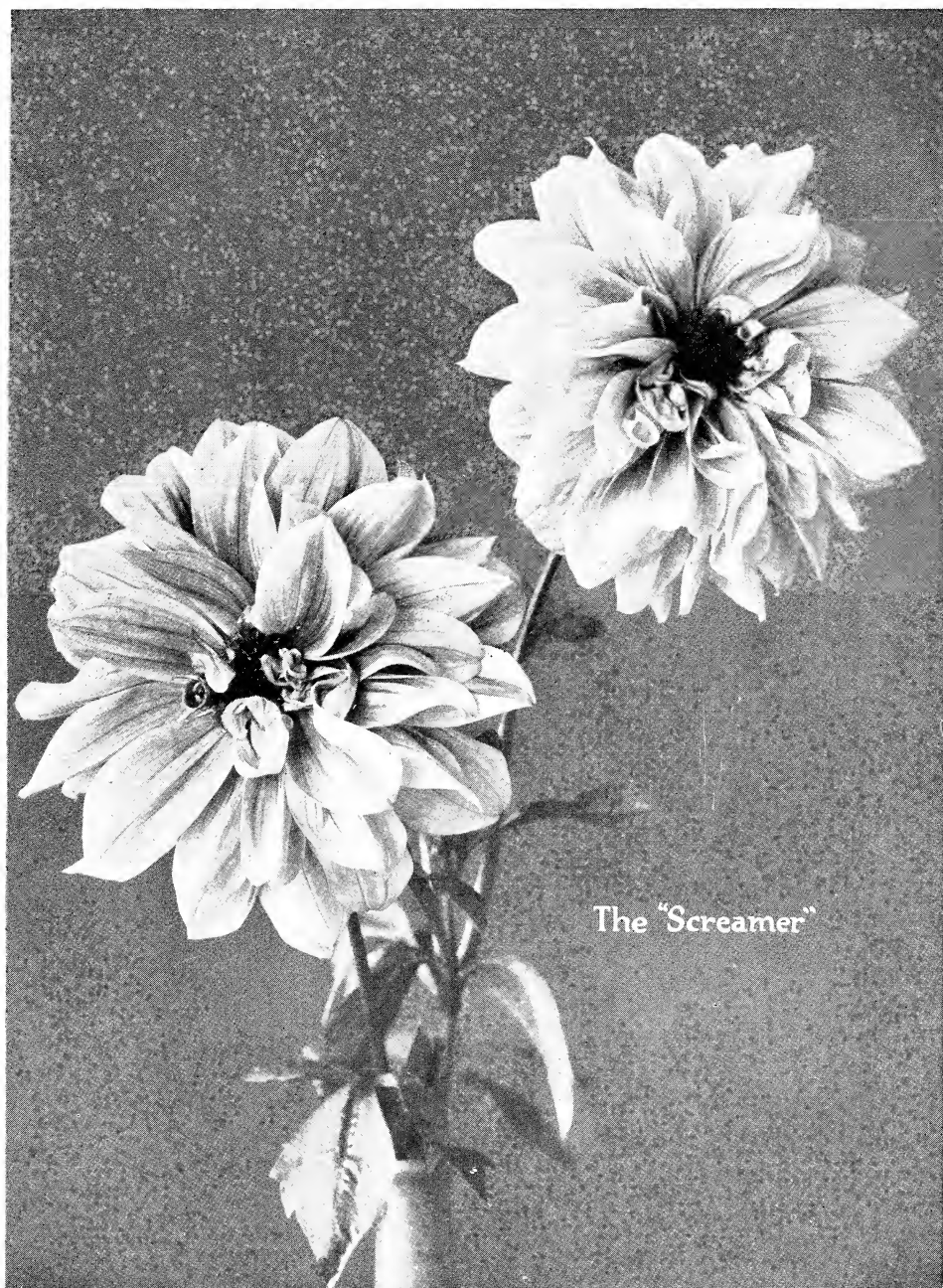


THE "LITTLE PINK
KITTEN OF OZ"

An excellent little flower
for the table

The "Little Pink Kitten" of Oz—Peony. Soft blush pink, shaded amber. It is considered to be one of the prettiest flowers in our garden, although the blooms are never over 5 or 6 inches in diameter. Long, strong stems, and prolific in the number of blooms. This is a most beautiful variety. Our own introduction. Tubers, each 50c.

Observe the quality of workmanship on the Dahlia tubers which we send you.



The "Screamer"

The Screamer—Peony. This is another of our own introduction, and another that is doing well wherever grown. A large size flower with two to four rows of petals. Extra long, strong stems. The color is violet purple, suffused mauve. To those who like these colorings, this Dahlia has no equal. It is an exceptionally attractive flower. Tubers, each \$2.50.

The Woozy of Oz—Decorative-Peony. Soft salmon pink shades, with pinkish yellow center. This variety has flowers of 9 or 10 inches in diameter. Tubers, each \$1.00.

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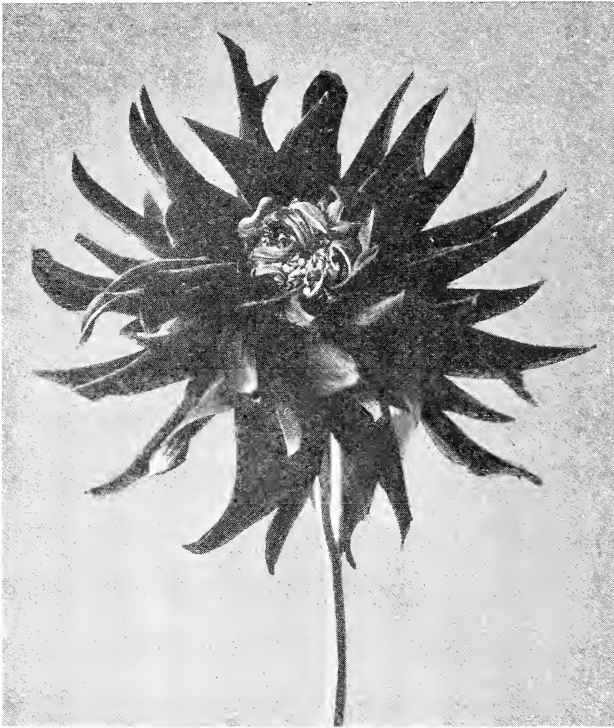
The "Magic Flower" of Oz—Decorative-Peony. Light coppery yellow, shaded with bronze. We cannot speak too highly of this Dahlia, especially early in the season. It has wonderful coloring, great long stems, and often has as many as 15 blooms upon a plant at one time. This is another of our own introductions. Tubers, each \$2.50.

Traufner's Choice—Decorative-Cactus. Large and free flowering, upon extra strong stem. The plant is a mass of bloom all season. The color is soft, yet bright, rosy pink. Tubers, each \$1.00.

The Wax Doll of Oz—Decorative-Peony. Slightly inclined toward the Cactus type. The colorings are very delicate and beautiful, being white with a light golden yellow sheen, tinged and suffused lilac and rosy mauve. Tubers, each \$2.00.

The Grizzly—Peony. Maroon red, shading to deepest cherry. A very large and splendid California Dahlia. Tubers, each \$1.50.

The "Tik Tok Man" of Oz—Peony. Rather single, star-shaped blossoms, upon good upright stems. The colors are a combination of creamy yellow and cherry. Tubers, each \$2.00.



THE
CHOCOLATE
SOLDIER

The Chocolate Soldier—Cactus-Peony. This is one of our own introductions, and is of an entirely new type of Dahlia. The color is a rare shade in Dahlias, also, it being a chocolate maroon. The plant has an upright, hardy growth, with extra strong stems. The diameter of the flower is from 7 to 9 inches, and even larger under the proper conditions. This is one of the most admired of our Dahlias. Tubers, each \$2.50.

The "Wizard of Oz"—Decorative. In our opinion, this is the finest Dahlia in existence today. It remains supreme over all the splendid recent California introductions. One customer reports having grown this Dahlia almost 14 inches in diameter. It is a flower of refined appearance, regardless of its mammoth size. If this Dahlia has one weak point, we do not know of it. The color is a rare shade of glowing amber pink, or soft, salmon pink shades. Our own introduction, of which we are most proud. Tubers, each \$10.00.

"Uncle Henry" of Oz—Decorative. A very tall, sturdy plant, throwing good-sized blooms, on good long stems. The color is a cerise-rose. Tubers, each \$1.00.

Victor Mauzey—Single Peony. Deepest velvety maroon, almost black. Best of its color. Tubers, each \$1.50.

Vasanta—Cactus-Peony. "Goddess of the Four Seasons." Rich apricot and golden yellow shades. A general favorite. Tubers, each \$3.00.

Wodan—Decorative-Cactus. Soft old rose and salmon shades, with a suggestion of old gold in the center. Tubers, each 75c.

Westwego—Decorative. This plant often has twelve to fifteen splendid blooms on it at one time. Fawn color, while the reverse side of the petals is suffused old rose. Wonderfully pretty effect. Low growing. Tubers, each \$5.00.

White Queen—Decorative-Cactus. A long-stemmed variety of much merit. The color is snow white. Tubers, each \$1.50.

Worthmore—Decorative-Peony. Carmine rose on white ground. Very large; a bright and attractive flower. Tubers, each \$7.50.

Whiffestan—Decorative-Peony. Pure white; often growing over nine inches in diameter. One of the best. Tubers, each \$2.00.

Wallace—Decorative. Rather inclined toward the Cactus type. The petals are many, and are flat and narrow. The color is watermelon pink, shaded with DuBarry red. Tubers, each \$1.00.

Washington City—Decorative-Peony. This is one of the most attractive white Dahlias, the monotony of color being relieved with a bright yellow center. The flowers are held upright on long, graceful stems. Tubers, each \$1.50.

HOW TO ORDER

The foregoing list of Dahlias are all splendid varieties, and one cannot mistake in ordering any or all of them. If it so happens that you are already growing Dahlias, it might be well to select from this list, so as not to duplicate varieties that you already have. In case you have no Dahlias at all, or none of my introductions, I strongly urge that the selection be left to my discretion. In doing this, you are putting me upon my honor and at the same time, as you no doubt now realize, you would be in the hands of a specialist in Dahlias.

We fill many orders of this sort, and are enabled to give special prices upon our own selection, as follows: 100 tubers for \$75.00, 50 tubers for \$40.00, 25 tubers for \$20.00, 12 tubers for \$10.00. These include varieties ranging in individual values from 75c to as great as \$5.00. Twenty-five or more varieties, the best in this Catalog, may be purchased at \$1.00 each, our selection.

Should you desire to make your own selection, extra value in the form of complimentary tubers of new varieties of our introduction will be added to your list.

All prices quoted in this Catalog include postage, so that only the amount of the order should be sent us. We acknowledge receipt of all orders and payments. Every tuber may be expected to be marked with the correct name and description, and full printed instructions for the planting and care of Dahlias will accompany every shipment. All orders sent in the Spring after all danger of frost is past, unless we receive other instructions from the customer.

All Dahlia tubers are tagged with the name and description.

POMPON DAHLIAS

The Pompon type of Dahlia is the "Baby" Dahlia of them all. At first glance, one not acquainted with this type would think that it belonged to another sphere, other than the Dahlia world. Nevertheless, this is a very popular little plant, and is especially so for a cut flower, as the blooms are often kept for a week's time. These plants grow quite low, and should be a mass of bloom all season.

We offer a splendid selection of these at 35c each or a dozen may be had for \$4.00; 50 tubers for \$15.00, or 100 tubers for \$30.00.

- Adrienne**—Red, tipped yellow gold.
Achilles—Delicate lavender, tinted lilac.
Arthur Kerley—Deep, rich cherry red. Good, long stem.
Bobby—Splendid form. Magenta to plum color.
Clarissa—Delicate flesh pink, beautifully quilled.
Donovan—White petals, edged deep lavender. Very satisfactory.
Darkness—Very dark. Chocolate to maroon.
Fascination—Very fine. Pink and lavender shades.
Gloria—Maroon, wine and white. Very unusual; splendid.
Girle—Pinkish lavender to mauve.
Helen Lambert—Canary yellow.
Henrietta—Deep sulphur yellow, bordered rosy lilac.
Ideal—Clear canary yellow. A tall grower.
J. Fette—A splendid pure white.
Jacques—Light lemon yellow.
Leader—One of the best. Clear, light lemon yellow.
Little Jennie—Straw color to lemon. None prettier than this one.
Little Beeswing—Cherry red on yellow ground.
Little Johnny—Deep maroon. Very small blooms.
Madeline—Sulphur yellow, tinged lilac.
Nellie Fraser—A light shade of pinkish lavender.
Neatness—Straw color to salmon pink at outer petals.
San Toy—One of the favorites. White, tinged carmine rose.
Sunny Daybreak—Gold yellow, suffused orange red. Very desirable.
Sunbeam—Crimson scarlet.
Sunset—Bright orange color. Always desirable.
Vivid—Brightest scarlet.
Winifred—White, tinged faintly with soft lavender. One of the most beautiful of all Pompons.
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Unless ordered early, we request that the customer please mention a second choice, as we positively do not substitute unless requested to do so. We prefer not to disappoint our customers.

Quality is what we want, today.

Special Offers for 1925

OUR REPUTATION STANDS BACK OF EVERY ONE OF THESE

DAHLIAS

Offer No. 1

12 DAHLIAS

Large flowering varieties—
all named Our selection.

An exceptional value.

\$5.00 POST PAID

Offer No. 2

6 DAHLIAS

Different types.
Large flowering.
Standard varieties.
All named. Our selection.

\$2.75 POST PAID

Offer No. 3

25 DAHLIAS

Large flowering. Standard.
Named varieties.

Our Selection.

\$10.00 POST PAID

Offer No. 4

OUR CHOICE
COLLECTION of 25
BEST Large Flowering
DAHLIAS

None better—A \$30 value

\$20.00 POST PAID

Offer No. 5

50 DAHLIAS

Our choice of Largest
Flowering Varieties

None Better

\$40.00 POST PAID

Offer No. 6

100 DAHLIAS

Same quality as offer No.
4 and 5—No two alike, and
all are of wonderful beauty.

All types.

\$75.00 POST PAID

Offer No. 7

12 PEONY
FLOWERING
DAHLIAS

All of large size.
Very Desirable Varieties

\$5.00 POST PAID

Offer No. 8

12 DECORATIVE
TYPE of
DAHLIAS

All Large Flowering
No two alike

\$5.00 POST PAID

Offer No. 9

12 CACTUS and DEC-
ORATIVE CACTUS
DAHLIAS

All different. Carefully
selected from hundreds
of varieties

\$5.00 POST PAID

Offer No. 10

Pompon Dahlias
Miniture Flowering

The Newest and Choicest
Varieties

12 Tubers—All named

\$4.00 POST PAID

Offer No. 11

50

Pompon Dahlias

2 each of 25 varieties

\$15.00 POST PAID

Offer No. 12

102

Pompon Dahlias

3 each of 34 varieties

\$30.00 POST PAID

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